

in this State by the barrel shall be understood as referring to the quantity or size of the barrel specified in this section; provided, however, that nothing in this section shall prevent any shipment of apples in the regular flour barrel.

As to "Weights and Measures," see art. 97.

Fraud—Upon Gas Companies.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 179. 1912, sec. 157. 1904, sec. 142. 1888, sec. 105. 1886, ch. 222, sec. 1. 1927, ch. 677, sec. 179. 1933, ch. 100.

204. Any person who shall wrongfully and maliciously damage, connect, disconnect, tap, interfere or tamper with any mains, pipes, connections, valves, holders, machinery, manufacturing apparatus, appliances or appurtenances belonging to any company using or engaged in the manufacture and/or supply of gas for light, heat and power or either of them, or any person who, with intent to injure or defraud any gas company, body corporate of this State, shall make, or cause to be made, any pipe, tube or other instrument or contrivance, or connect the same, or cause it to be connected, with any main service pipe or other pipe for conducting or supplying gas, in such manner as to connect with and be calculated to supply gas to any burner or orifice by or at which gas is consumed, around or without passing through the meter provided for the measuring and registering of the quantity of gas there consumed, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof shall be punished by imprisonment not exceeding six months, or by fine not exceeding two hundred and fifty dollars, or both, in the discretion of the court. The existence of any pipe or tube connection or other instrument or contrivance, as aforesaid, permitting the use of gas furnished by any gas company, body corporate of this State, without it being measured or registered on a meter provided therefor by such gas company, shall be *prima facie* evidence of intent to violate and of the violation of this section by the person or persons who would receive the direct benefits from the use of the gas without it being measured or registered on a meter as aforesaid.

As to "Gas and Electric Companies," see Art. 23, sec. 178, *et seq.*

An. Code, 1924, sec. 180. 1912, sec. 158. 1904, sec. 143. 1888, sec. 106. 1886, ch. 222, sec. 2. 1927, ch. 677, sec. 180.

205. Any person, who with intent to injure or defraud any gas company, body corporate of this State, shall wilfully injure, alter or obstruct, or prevent the action of any meter provided for the purpose of measuring and registering the quantity of gas consumed by or at any burner, orifice or place, or cause or procure any such meter to be injured or altered, or the action thereof to be obstructed or prevented, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment not exceeding six months, or by fine not exceeding two hundred and fifty dollars, or both, in the discretion of the court. The existence of any injury or alteration of such meter which obstructs or prevents the action thereof as aforesaid, shall be *prima facie* evidence of intent to violate and of the violation of this section by the person or persons who would receive the direct benefits from the use of gas passing through such injured or altered meter.